
**DES Comments In Support Of Energy Planning And The Goals Of
The New Hampshire Energy Plan**

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- Long-term planning is critical to ensuring a reliable, economic and environmentally balanced supply of energy
- Good planning will enable flexible market-driven approaches to balance the demand for inexpensive energy and environmental quality
- DES supports the goals of the New Hampshire Energy Plan which calls for an increased commitment to renewable energy resources and investments and incentives for energy efficiency
- Energy efficiency and renewable resources mean a more reliable energy supply which subsequently provides for greater energy security (e.g., less vulnerable targets such as large scale power plants, pipelines, transmission lines, etc.)
- Inefficient energy use is more costly and sacrifices both our competitive economic advantage and our environmental quality
- Most air pollution problems share a common root: Energy
- What are the economic implications of "addressing this issue"?
 - Old Paradigm: Energy consumption tracks with the economic health/growth (Economic health/growth requires increased energy production/consumption and more air pollution)
 - New Paradigm: Economic health/growth is more apt to be associated with a good environment (e.g., Green & Gold Rankings); whereas energy consumption per dollar of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) is heading downward (i.e., energy production/consumption is **NEGATIVELY** correlated with economic growth)